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SUBJECT: GOP PROTEST ON SUGAR

1. DFA FEB 4 SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY DIP. NOTE 73-305
PROTESTING ALLEGED SECURING OF SUGAR BY CLARK AND SUBIC
BASES FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS FOR USE OUTSIDE PHILIPPINES,
INCLUDING ON U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. DFA NOTE STATED
SUCH ACTION WAS IN VIOLATION OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OF
INSTRUCTION DATED JANUARY 27,1975, WHICH WAS UNPUBLICIZED
DIRECTIVE HALTING SUGAR MOVEMENTS. DFA NOTE ASKED THAT
"APPROPRIATE AND IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE
OF SUCH PRACTICES" BE TAKEN.

2. EMBASSY CHECKING HAS DISCLOSED THAT NO PHILIPPINE
SUGAR IS PROCURED BY U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR
STOCK ISSUE BY MILITARY UNITS. U.S. NAVAL VESSELS
SPECIFICALLY ARE NOT ISSUED SUGAR PROCURED IN PHILIPPINES.
SUPPLY SYSTEM DOES PROCURE PHILIPPINE SUGAR FOR RESALE
BY MILITARY COMISSARIES OPERATING WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES.

3. WHILE EMBASSY WAS IN PROCESS OF MAKING THIS DETER-
MINATION, FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO RELEASED TO THE
PRESS THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND PORTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL
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LETTER OF INSTRUCTION. OMITTED FROM LATTER WEREPORTIONS

DESCRIBING IN DETAIL THE PROBLEM OF SMUGGLED SUGAR AND
OUTLINING PHILIPPINE MARKETING INTENTIONS.

4. THIS APPEARS TO BE A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT, FOR WHAT
REASONS WE ARE NOT CERTAIN. ORIGINATOR OF REPORT OF
SUGAR OUTFLOW THROUGH BASES WAS PNB PRESIDENT DOMINGO.
EC/COM COUNSELOR HAS EXPRESSED TO DOMINGO EMBASSY BELIEF
THAT THERE IS NO MILITARY USAGE OF PHILIPPINE SUGAR, OTHER
THAN IN BASE COMISSARIES. DOMINGO HAS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY
RESPONDED TO INVITATION TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION
ON ALLEGED TRANSACTIONS.

5. PERTINENT DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED.
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